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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 0840

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINR, IZ  
SUBJECT: ABOLITION OF MINISTRY OF MUNICIPALITIES

1. BY DECREE PUBLISHED ON MAY 13, THE REVOLUTIONARY  
COMMAND COUNCIL ABOLISHED THE MINISTRY OF MUNICIPALITIES  
AND TRANSFERRED ITS VARIOUS FUNCTIONS TO THE MINISTRIES  
OF WORKS AND HOUSING, INTERIOR, PLANNING, AND TO THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF BAGHDAD. THE DECREE ALSO TRANSFERS  
TO THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING THE FUNCTIONS OF  
REGISTRATION AND SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION AND  
CONTRACTING COMPANIES, FUNCTIONS HITHERTO PERFORMED BY  
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

2. COMMENT: WORKS AND HOUSING MINISTER  
TAHA YASSIN RAMADAN, WHO HAD BEEN ACTING MINISTER  
OF MUNICIPALITIES, APPEARS TO BE KEEPING MOST OF THE  
FORMER MINISTRY'S FUNCTIONS UNDER HIS CONTROL. HIS  
BROTHER RCC MEMBER, INTERIOR MINISTER IZZAT IBRAHIM,  
IS THE OTHER BIG GAINER. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT  
RAMADHAN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EMBARK ON WHAT  
APPEARS TO BE EMPIRE BUILDING IF IRAQI STRONGMAN SADDAM  
HUSSEIN WERE NOT PLAYING AN INACTIVE ROLE  
THESE PAST WEEKS DUE TO HIS BACK PROBLEM. HUSSEIN HAS  
NOW LOST THE OPTION OF REWARDING ONE OF HIS PROTEGES  
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WITH THE FORMER MUNICIPALITIES PORTFOLIO.  
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